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CALTRANS TO ACTIVATE MORE RAMP METERS ON ROUTE 87

San Jose – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced that ramp meters in the southbound direction of State Route 87, between Charcot Avenue and Julian Street, will start cycling from red to green on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The new ramp meters will extend the existing system of operational meters (Auzerias Avenue to Capitol Expressway) on southbound State Route 87.

The SB 101 to SB 87 connector and the I-280 to SB 87 connectors will not be metered.

The new ramp metering signals in the southbound direction of State Route 87 will be set to solid green on the evening of March 30th, and then become fully functional (metering) on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. The ramp metering lights will be operational during the evening peak period, between 3 PM and 7 PM., Monday through Friday.

Southbound State Route 87 on-ramps to be activated on April 7th during the PM Peak Period are:

- Charcot Avenue Diagonal On-Ramp
- Skyport Boulevard Diagonal On-Ramp
- Taylor Street Diagonal On-Ramp
- Julian Street Loop On-ramp
- Julian Street Diagonal On-Ramp



Existing Operational Meters on SB 87 are:

- Auzerias Avenue/Delmas Street Diagonal On-Ramp
- Curtner Avenue Loop On-Ramp
- Curtner Avenue Diagonal On-Ramp
- Capitol Expressway Diagonal On-Ramp

Existing ramp meters on southbound State Route 87, that are currently active will be re-timed and re-adjusted along with the newly activated meters on the corridor.

Caltrans and VTA expect the new ramp metering system to improve travel times during peak periods of heavy traffic along the corridor. Newly activated ramps are expected to experience delays during the first few days of operation. Caltrans staff will be monitoring the queues and will be making adjustments in the field as they fine-tune the metering operations.

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